Buildings, from the Rayapuram Hospital were disregarded by the Superintendent, and whether the periods covered by the certificates were treated as absence without leave; and

(*b*) if so, why?

A.—The Government have no information. The discretion to refuse leave is reserved by rule to the Superintendent, Government Press.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"There again, Sir, in regard to leave, I should like to know what made the Government give him that absolute discretion for granting leave?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Under the existing rules, heads of departments have got the discretion."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"In the discharge of such discretion, if calamities occur, who is responsible? Is it the Superintendent or the Government?"

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government have no power at all if the discretion is misused or proved to be misused?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"If specific instances are brought to my notice, I am prepared to look into them."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"Does not the hon. the Home Member consider that these are two specific cases brought to the notice of Government? Two men produced medical certificates from certain hospitals and yet leave was not granted. Does the hon. Member think that these two cases are not sufficient? Will the Government at least now, after so many complaints and after specific instances, take the trouble of inquiring into the matter?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"There is no necessity for an enquiry. It is in the discretion of the Superintendent to accept the medical certificate or not."

Police

Proposed creation of posts in the Imperial Cadre in the Police department.

*760-A *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the scheme of Mr. Cunningham for the re-organization of the City Police provides for the creation of any Imperial Officers' posts either permanently or temporarily;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have obtained the sanction of the Secretary of State for the creation of any such Imperial Officers' posts;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that even for creating temporary posts of an Imperial cadre with the intention of ultimately making the same permanent the Secretary of State has ruled that his sanction is necessary; and

(*d*) whether the Secretary of State has ruled that every new post created in the Imperial cadre should be listed for the Provincial Police?